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SUBJECT: INDIAN NEWSMEN PROTEST CURBS ON PAKISTANI PRESS

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1. THE ALL INDIA NEWSPAPER EDITORS CONFERENCE, A LONG-ESTABLISHED, NON-POLITICAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION, ISSUED A STATEMENT MAY 17 CONDEMNING THE GOP'S ATTEMPTS TO "GAG THE PRESS." THE ORGANIZATION EXPRESSED ITS SOLIDARITY WITH JOURNALISTS ARRESTED THERE AND CALLED ON THE GOP TO "RETRACE ITS DISASTROUS STEPS." THE STATEMENT CONCLUDED: "IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THE INITIAL DEMOCRATIC PROTESTATIONS OF THE MILITARY REGIME WERE ONLY TO LULL THE PUBLIC INTO COMPLACENCE."

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2. NEWSMEN IN KASHMIR REPORTEDLY MET IN SRINAGAR MAY 16 AND AGREED TO STAGE A ONE DAY STRIKE IN THE VALLEY ON MAY 18 TO PROTEST THE "INHUMAN AND UN-CIVILISED TREATMENT" BY THE GOP OF THEIR COLLEAGUES. ABOUT 12 DAILIES IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR REPORTEDLY WILL OBSERVE THE STRIKE.

3. THE CONGRESS PARLIAMENTARY PARTY ON MAY 17 ALSO
CONDEMNED THE REPORTED FLOGGING OF JOURNALISTS IN
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